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THE CRIME OF ARSON
The suggestion that the North Bodine street warehouse fire was delinquency set in pursuance of a plot to collect insurance money may be without foundation in fact, yet the investigators report that they have discovered suspicious circumstances.

DR. BROOME LOOKS AHEAD
The building program proposed by Dr. Broome, superintendent of schools, in his annual report will ultimately have to be carried out. But it is not likely that even Dr. Broome expects that the \$15,000,000 involved will be spent within a year.

FIRE, EAST AND WEST
The standards and principles back of fire prevention work have not penetrated the minds of the construction men of Smyrna, it is conceivable that a great catastrophe might have been averted.

THE FARMER VOTE
THERE is so much justice in the demand by Secretary Wallace for a reduction in freight rates on farm crops that the opposition finds itself forced to charge him with playing politics to win the farmer vote.

WHEN YOUR UNCLE SAMUEL GOES TRAVELING ABROAD
He Finds Europe Greatly Changed and Learns That Peace Hath Its Hatreds as Well as War
Uncle Samuel, your august and venerable Uncle, lights his cigar and takes his favorite stick and goes strolling anywhere between Berlin and the Isles of Britain on the Main Street of the Old World for a look at the ruins of the great fire and a chat with the neighbors, he meets a singularly cool reception.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT
Organization of Women Destined to Make Them a Power Politically, Though the Majority of Them Still Are Non-Voters
By SARAH D. LOWRIE
CERTAINLY, as compared with last year, the women are better organized politically.

SCANDAL IN THE OPEN
MR. LIMBURNER'S admission that railroad and hotel companies seek to be protected in their arrangements with taxicab companies is candid, but it can scarcely be called refreshing.

A MYTH EXPLODED
WHISKY for snake-bite is obviously destined for the road to disrepute some time since taken by amber beads for sore throats and key-rings for nose-bleeds.

THE RED CROSS IS READY
THE American Red Cross is habituated to colossal campaigns, and the public to whom it appeals is accustomed to supporting undertakings that in scope and organization are a heroic scale.

BY A HAIR
WHILE the probes of murder in New Brunswick had apparently more clues than they know how to handle, authorities in Phoenix, Ariz., investigating the death of a man found floating in the Arizona Canal, have nothing more hopeful to work on than a single, long, dark-colored hair.

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Two Harvard doctors have discovered a poison so powerful that one drop would be sufficient to kill a veritable army.

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MURDER MYSTERY

In the matter of prison it is all peak coal. Butler, Pa., has pup with five legs. Odd one probably bootleg.

Dressed beef has gone up two cents a pound. Deed for a killing. Bride of ex-Kaiser plans to call herself Queen of Prussia. Let her dream on.

Snow has fallen in Nashville, Tenn. This will be a severe blow to Medicine Hat. Ex-Kaiser says he will soon be the happiest man in the world. Then is the world awry?

"Watch my smoke" is probably the slogan of the European airplanes that write ads on the sky. Potville, Pa., man discovered a ten-foot vein of coal while excavating for the erection of five houses. Another coal strike.

Because of bad roads they have encountered candidates after a campaign do not have to be told the necessity for good roads. Vienna opera singer asks admirers to give her fuel for the poor instead of bouquets for herself. One can say it more warmly with coal.

Perhaps opposition to the Seagull-Centennial is based on desire to persecute the present beauties of the Schuylkill below Spring Garden street. Strong coffee and tobacco were the constant solace of Washington, Ind., woman who died at the age of 104. How we addicts love these quaint little human-interest stories!

Uncle Sam now owns an airplane that can be stored away in a submarine and launched from its deck. Surely next war should prove interesting to the few who live through it. Former British Chancellor McKenna suggests a conference of creditor and debtor nations. It would at least have the effect of causing the world to face facts instead of abstractions.

Past experience gives justification for the belief that the December session of Congress will not be so short but that time will be found for knocking in the lead of the pork barrel. Soviet Russia wishes American capitalists to build a railroad from the White Sea to the principal line of the present Siberian Railroad. Isn't it a pity Mulberry Sellers is dead?

It would probably save the country a lot of money if the law were changed to permit every woman to kill one man without penalty and imposing a slight fine every time the offense is repeated. "If you can't help it, forget it," says Senator (Mrs.) Felton, of Georgia. Excellent "don't-worry" philosophy, but perhaps not so useful to the world as "Don't forget it while there is possibility of help."

We are given to understand that the official song on the vessels of the Shipping Board contain lines which seem to express the opinion that there isn't anybody who can dilly appreciate just how parched they are. National Restaurant Association in convention in Washington plans to raise the restaurant business to the plane of a profession. Does this mean that tips will be abolished or that they will be known as fees?

Lloyd George says he does not believe the greatest thinkers must necessarily be troubled with insomnia, and especially adds that he never has any trouble of that kind. This gives his enemies a beautiful opening. On the Rack James Mills, sexton of the Washington National Cathedral, confesses to Ray Schneider: "He might have had to say something just to get away from being questioned. I know how it is. I've been through it." The brutality of the third degree, a wholly illegal procedure, is here fairly described. On the off chance that a guilty man may involuntarily blurt out innocent men are subjected to torture. The third degree is a device designed to hide the inefficiency of the police.

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

ROLAND HOLROYD On the Flowers of the Arctic The vegetation of the Arctic, as far north as it extends, is not radically dissimilar to that of our own climate, according to Roland Holroyd, instructor in botany at the University of Pennsylvania, who has recently returned from a trip to the far North.

"One interesting thing that I noticed," said Prof. Holroyd, "is that lettuce is apparently one of the most hardy of all vegetables. It survives all the way to the Arctic Circle, something which scarcely any other vegetable comes to our own climate."

"The Arctic vegetation is uniformly quick growing, as to survive, it must take full advantage of the short summer. I've seen must also have immense vitality to withstand the winter temperature of sometimes as low as 50 degrees below zero."

"During the growing season the fact that there is continuous daylight aids in this rapid growth. Light contributes materially to the growth of plants and vegetables and the air during this period even so far north never really gets cold; as a matter of fact the temperature sometimes rises as high as eighty degrees."

"One of the dominant things was freeseed, a tall, purple plant, and in the latter part of June and the first part of July it made a great showing. This was under the case with the painted cup, a pinkish flower and a relative of the orange and red painted cup which we have in our own climate."

"The wild purple fox was growing in banks around Fort Norman, but this was about the only place where I observed this plant. I found orchids quite in the open while marooned behind two desolate islands, but did not see them in profusion elsewhere."

"There is a perfect thicket of vegetation near the Great Slave Lake. In a few open places there were orchids, but the calypso was quite abundant. On the islands of the Mackenzie River there were packs of twin-flower, and these have white petals like leaves spotted with pink; ours in this climate have the pure white leaves."

"Growing on the bluffs at various places were vegetable carpets of so-called silverweed. We have not that here which are around here, but we have some which are closely related to it. I saw bluebells in almost every garden in the vicinity. The wild calla lilies, a new species, established on the Mackenzie Delta about fifty miles from the Arctic Ocean."

"As to the tree growth, starting from Alaska, banks of spruce were dominant, and where these had been cleared out by the logging operations, its place had been taken by the Western cottonwood. These logging operations were not for the general lumber market, but to obtain fuel for boats, practically all of which are wood-burners and they consume a good deal of it."

"The purple vetch was everywhere abundant right down to the Arctic Circle, and the northern bedstraw was found along the river banks and the sandy strand. The soil is rather good, there being a rich carpet made from decaying leaves and pine needles and the silt washed down by the river."

"Farming was attempted as far north as Discovery Island. An attempt to raise a few flowers was also made at Fort Good Hope, just outside of the Arctic Circle. At Discovery Island, they were raising a lot of lettuce and were also trying potatoes